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Mr. Watts:

The attached document presents an excellent statement of some of the facts and suppositions upon which the current Korean policy is based. It does not, in my opinion, answer the question propounded.

Those who may put that question to the Secretary (impelled by politics or the concern of their constituents) presumably will want a reply that will indicate positive procedures set within a space of time.

It may be surmised that the questioners will wish to know whether we expect to end the Korean war by military victory or diplomatic negotiation; if victory means merely repeated dissipating of enemy forces in the neighborhood of the 38th parallel or eventual advance to the Yalu; and upon what terms would we negotiate a settlement.

Walter Thurston

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